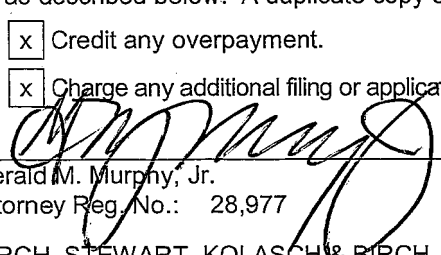


| <b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>  |   |   |                                   | Docket No.<br>1254-0298PUS1 |      |
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| Application No.<br>10/556,903-Conf. #7071  | Filing Date<br>November 15, 2005          | Examiner<br>A. M. Bertagna              | Art Unit<br>1637                  |                             |      |
| Applicant(s): Takashi HIRAO et al.   |   |   |                                   |                             |      |
| Invention: QUANTITATIVE PCR METHOD OF DETECTING SPECIFIC PLANT GENUS IN FOOD OR FOOD INGREDIENT  |   |   |                                   |                             |      |
| <b>MS AF</b><br><b>Commissioner for Patents</b><br><b>P.O. Box 1450</b><br><b>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</b><br><br>Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.<br>The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. |   |   |                                   |                             |      |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |   |   |                                   |                             |      |
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